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					Application Number: 10/560,225 Fi		iled: December 12, 2005		
					For: FRICTION STIRRING-WELDING METHOD				
					Group Art Unit: 1793 Confirm. No: 2697	Examiner	Examiner: Kiley Shawn Stoner		
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			Two	months (37 CFR 1.1				\$490.00	
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		Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee					е		
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<u>X</u> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34									
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<u>January 26, 2009</u> Date				<u>/ 26, 2009</u>		/William I. Solomon/ Signature William I. Solomon			

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